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rugged rocks, When winds and waves alike in boist'rous liberty rejoice,

de sound is silent, the sluggard Earth asleep,

per us he of heroes, who doth godlike deeds rehearse,

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MIRTH AND MELANCHOLY. BY MARY IRVING. CHAPTER V.

Oriana's Story. "Alas! I am not all unlearned!"-Tennyson "Poor Kitty! I must find Kitty!" was Ori-

ana's first exclamation, as her husband left the Laura. Followed by Oriana, she opened the door of her room. Kitty sprang up from her kneeling posture, choked down the sobs that were still struggling in her throat, and turned er tear-drenched, crimson face to her sister

arms as she came up to her. You will let me call you so, won't you?" ded she folding the blooming girl in a warm of Mrs. Grey, and let me love you dearly." sister, while Kitty was trying in vain to When

r Laura's lap, and her arm still around Kitty's waist. She began ening, all along, the pretty accent

d giant oaks, on the banks of the mightiest My mother's family cast her off, indig-for visiting her husband in his disbereavement and distress, they a come near her; and, despairing, she

! she was very beautiful, and very sorand the captain of that privateer deg to be kind to her, instead of leaving put in prison with the others, took her

coffee plantation in the interior of en-hearted mother! thrown there hundreds of slaves, herself a slave in

ned me as a kind of atonement, I o my mother; the servants, young them, and keep away from her arms possible; so it was long before I

some of the beauty from her dark ot know which : but one morning door, with blood upon her white lips.

, not if life hung on the removal; built for her near the over-

r Havana, and take a ship Laura, with a puzzled look.

sparks of fire on me; her face was convulsed with rage, and she ground her teeth, as if she could have torn me in pieces. A torrent of Spanish was poured on my ears, of which I could not well understand a word; only, half frightened to death, I turned, and ran. I did not stop until I had reached the quarters, and hidden myself among the negroes, crying and hidden myself among the negroes, crying and sobbing for hours. The next day, the head waiting woman brought down an order to the overseer, that I was to be kept among the ser-

Captain L. would some day come to the quarters to see me, and give me bon-bons, as he had always done. Once or twice I saw him from a distance; and once, unluckily, when I had been harshly punished, I ran away from the overseer, and watched in the stable yard until the Captain came. He started when he sea-c saw me; and when he had heard my complaints, face. patted me on the head, and gave me a real, good girl, and he would attend to the matter.
"I think this was the reason of a change,

color rushing anew into her cheek.
"Yes-me!" returned Oriana, sadly. "From

"My first master was a citizen of Matanzas, a Creole. His family, like himself, were indolent yet indulgent, except when some sudden passion was aroused, or when their orders were disputed or disobeyed. I, undrilled in my sla-very, tried resistance until I found it to be of grave, from that place." "Heathen! brutes!" was Laura's indignant of you!'

exclamation. "There are worse heathen nearer home, lady," calmly responded the narrator. "Be-cause my skin was not so black as that God had given to others, who were bought with

"At last, as the house was overrun with half-"You will call me Oriana, too, and was a new life for me—a blessed life! for she How could I have helped loving him better took an interest in me at the first glance, and than all the world! "Kitty is tired and excited, poor child," said very soon grew to love me truly and dearly. bad speculation; for what should I ever be worth to her as a slave? I had a horror of him from that moment, and used never to speak to him when I could possibly avoid it.

"Until then, he had told me very little of his children; and I knew so very little of human nature! I think he never had understood

myself into her grave, I recollect; though, God knows, I then saw only the shadow of the great evil that rose before me!
"Mr. Withers, the son of my mistress, had

always sneered at his mother's projects for my freedom. When she had urged him to push inquiries more actively, at first he had replied:

"A pretty parcel of travelling agents it
would keep, to follow up every sallow-faced
slave's story! No, madam! I'll have nothing

He had not been with me in my fiery furnace, and brought me through—oh, how much!—un-harmed and unscathed, I had never been alive this day to tell you. At last I was sold, at wife of a wealthy planter, and yourself owning

In the rumbled by our window, It carried the master of the mas, to claim his young Spanish could not be in the house when not if life hung on the removal. was kind, too, like that of my buried lady. I fell

when they saw that she had no ything about her—they changed d began to pity her and me.

up from her stupor that night,

"I see you have never heard"—Oriana be-gan; but, checking herself, asked, "Did Hamil-

d, and then burst out—'Oh, The first Mrs. Grey was a beautiful lady—a proud lady—of what the world calls highest birth. She had but two children—Hamilton, your mother, no matter what and his younger brother, James, who died abroad. Mr. Grey did not formerly, as now, why, I was promising; but it brig which he owned, and very much away from days—more like a woman than a girl—dear

little, and she sunk back into morning, she was dead. How the then, have I wished I had but God knew better!

Pitying negroes nursed me at great sorrow, and it was a straight for this work-day world. Her children idolized this work-day world. Her children idolized this work-day world.

soon after he had sent his boys abroad.) I had been almost reared in a sick room, and you may judge whether I would make a good nurse "May you be happy—and she—God keep you

upright soul.
"I had told him all my history, just as I

"I was sitting on a low seat by his high-cushioned arm-chair, one evening, with a bowl of fresh goat's milk, which I had brought him,

to you."
"I did so, and seated myself so that I could watch the lights and shadows of the blazing watch the lights and shadows of the blazing sea-coal, in the grate, play upon his kind, dear "I have promised you that you shall be free,

The purchase I made, in name, was a mere farce! But, to establish this before the world Though I march through the following in the work of the mark the period of the work of the " You!" exclaimed Kitty, vehemently, the the coals. 'How would you like to try a few years of school life?' "'I have studied with Mrs. Withers,' I an-

> "Yet, I cannot bear to send you away from me!' he exclaimed, suddenly changing his tone, so tenderly, that it made my full heart overflow. I burst out crying, and dropped my head on the hand he was holding. "'I don't want to be sent away!' I cried

Oh, let me stay, and live and die in taking care " Will you do it, Oriana!' he asked, in a deep, low voice, that startled me. He lifted me

night. Enough, that he asked me to bless an old man's heart; to be his in soul, as if no base law had ever made me his in body. Equal grown servants, I was fortunately hired into the service of an invalid lady from the neighbor- angels, so let us stand before man; if I could angels, so let us stand before man; if I could hood of Tallahassee, who, with her son, was spending a winter in Cuba for her health. It he said. But I could not bear that doubt!

"I was very thoughtless, I know, in the step

man nature! I think he never had understood Hamilton's peculiar temperament; he had always seemed so placid and yielding to his mother, and so absorbed in the passion for

So she leaned on me, and clung to had been truly her own. She believed just opening dream! It brought news of the

nor the world were worthy,' he wrote; 'if you can take one of base birth—your own slave—into her sacred place, the sacrilege shall never be sanctioned by the presence of your son! Better be a fugitive—aye, even a vagabond in the earth-than witness of a father's disgrace and shame!'

date, all his father's letters have been returned,

unsealed and unnoticed!

"Oh! it has nearly broken my poor husband's heart! I have wept long nights through, praying God to let me, in some way, be the means of restoring that love between them whose thread I had so innocently broken!"

and most triumphantly for me. For I not only ceived letters from my aunt in Paris, proving to the eyes of the world what the eyes I loved had never doubted! It was still necessary to make some legal investigation into the pur-chase of my childish self by Mrs. Withers, and God had called me to come to him!"

said Laura, reverently. "How like a dream it must all seem to one in your position; the slaves!"

ing from her pillow. "No; you cannot believe it! It was the one thing I asked before I would

had softly entered in the gathering twilight. "I am ready now," said the child-wife, with a smile of sweetest trust.
"Kitty! where is Kitty?" called Christopher,

"I will," she answered, absently. Then turning, she tossed back her veil, and, laying her tear-wet cheek against her sister's, threw both arms around her neck. "Think of Kitty, sis-

ter!" she whispered; and, turning, was away with all her wilfulness!" said Laura, as she stood watching her down the avenue. But she

"God bless you, my child! Sleep!" He had already fallen again into that deathlike, but restoring slumber.

For the National Era. TREASURED TRESSES.

BY ANN SUMMER DRAKE. What magic will dwell in a simple tress. That once has adorned a brow we loved : At its twining touch, how our pulses thrill, And the hidden springs of the heart are moved ! The tears will fall in unbidden showers, As we gaze on the shining threads of gold, And fancy will picture the form and face

The childless mather of feeds her grief By recounting all her fair babe's ways, And dwells with a gush of tenderness On its lisping words and mimic plays; But naught can the troubled fountains stir With such deep power as the ring of gold She severed in anguish from that fair brow

That felt to her touch so strangely cold. The father will move with a calm, cold brow Amid the thoughtless, hurrying crowd, And none would read on his tearless face, That his first-born slept in a watery shrous But follow him home; what magic spell Sweeps from his brow all the calmness there, And brings to his car the sea's deep moan?

The maiden will wreath her lips with smiles, When sorrow is breaking the threads of life. And her ringing voice, in its mirthful tone. Reveals no tale of the inward strife. But oft, with a burst of anguish wild. When earth is wrapped in the mantle of night, She bathes in tears a bright tress of hair,

Tis a silken lock of his son's dark hair.

Held o'er our hearts by the glossy thread. That binds our souls like a golden chain, To cherish the memory of the dead. Be it rich in gold, or of midnight hue, Or blanched by years to a snowy white

Its power is the same o'er youth or age-

No mortal e'er can resist its might.

That softly gleams in the calm startish

A NEW BOOK-"CONE CUT CORNERS."

We have been favored by the publishers, the prothers Masor, of New York, with a few proof. sheets of a work, entitled "Cone Cut Corners," satirist and capital in portrait painting. Take ened its termination.

THE FASHIONABLE WOMAN Mrs. Chesslebury is therefore of the best society. Few stand better in the best society than she. She is a leader in the world of fashion. Few have higher qualifications for that

very lofty and commanding position.

The world of fashion in which she shines is not a large world, but it is a very choice world. Its orbit is smaller than the orbits of some others; the path prescribed for it in the social system is narrow, but it is exclusive. It is an industrious world; it works late at night, and far into the next morning, and only retires to rest, putting out its many lights, when the morning sun begins to extinguish, one by one, the stars. Like the moon, the world of fashion shines by night, and shows but a feeble, faded face by day. It is an ambitious world; ambitious to wear the newest dress, to produce the show. It is a world which spends much, dresses much, talks much, does little. It is a world of smiling faces, and of envious hearts—of bright eyes and dull infellects—of brilliant nights, and of cold gray mornings. It is a world of great cry, but not of a great deal of fine wool; a world of much glitter, but of very little pure

Prominent as a leader in this world is Mrs Lafayette Chesslebury, well-fitted by nature and education for her position; well endowed with all those charming qualities of mind and person, which make the world of fashion so elevason, which make the world of fashion so elevated and so elevating. The great object of her life is to outshine Mrs. Stuccuppe; as the great object of Mrs. Stuccuppe's life is to outshine Mrs. Chesslebury. The world of fashion is pretty equally divided between the two. One half takes its tone from Mrs. Stuccuppe, the

other half from Mrs. Chesslebury.

Mrs. Stuccuppe drinks the waters at Saratoga. Mrs. Chesslebury bathes and yachts at Newport. Mrs. Stuccuppe attracts admiring glances in morning service, by a new Parisian bonnet. Mrs. Chesslebury extinguishes her, next Sunday, with a camel's hair shawl. Mrs. Stuccuppe annihilates Mrs. Chesslebury with "the largest party of the season," in which she introduces the new feature of tableaux. Mrs. Chesslebury the next week attains a glorious resurrection, in a triumphant fancy dress hall. other half from Mrs. Chesslebury. resurrection, in a triumphant fancy dress ball Meanwhile, they are to each other warm friends,

and no acquaintances in an evening party mortal enemies.

In all such fashionable warfare, Mrs. Cheslebury is unsurpassed. A host within herself wherever she goes, she carries strength and courage to her friends, and spreads rout and dismay among her enemies. Young ladies, growing up in the world of fashion, model themselves after her. Old-we beg their pardonmature ladies, hegitate not to imitate her close ly. Young men, connoisseurs, pronounce her a splendid woman, and her husband a lucky fellow; and the pair never enter a ball-room

together without producing a sensation.
She is bold in open contest, skillful in tactics. placid in triumph, and graceful in defeat. She has a mind for manœuvring, an ear for scan-dal, an eye for the faults and frailties of her friends, and a hand for her husband's purse. in a loud whisper, as he bustled in from the hall. "If you are going back to-night, you must be in a hurry," said he, pouncing upon her. "The boat is in sight!"

"Yes—I forgot! that is, I will be ready in a moment!" and, running up stairs, Kitty caught up her bonnet and mantle, and flew down again with noiseless step.

"Be careful of the night air, love," suggested Laura.

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"If you are going back to-night, you must chees leder Miss Chesslebury, just seventeen by the family genealogy, has lately finished her education, and hand for her husband's purse.

The elder Miss Chesslebury, just seventeen by the family genealogy, has lately finished her education, and has butterflied, or, as that process is termed among the insects of fashionable life, has "come out," this winter. The younger Miss Chesslebury is still in chrysalis at a boarding-school. Both of them sing a little, play a little, and misunderstand French a good deal. There is also, in the family genealogy, has lately finished her deducation, and has butterflied, or, as that process is termed among the insects of fashionable life, has "come out," this winter. The younger Miss Chesslebury is still in chrysalis at a boarding-school. Both of them sing a little, play a little, play a little, play a little, and misunderstand French a good deal. There is also, in the family genealogy, has lately finished her by the family genealogy, h ily, young Master Chessiebury, already men-tioned in these pages. But young masters are of no account in the fashionable world. Of him,

This comprises the whole of the list: gives you, sir, what many a young gentleman would give his head, aye! and a good deal more than that is worth, to obtain : namely, a

chair, Colonel Willick, the same gentleman de id as whose vinegar was at an early stage of this history experimentally compared by Deacon Ficksom with the article sold under that name by de il, c

please this (spit) audience, and better orators, (spit.) I don't feel prepared to (spit) break the ice; but after it is broken, I will drop into the same hole. (Spit, followed by great applies from all.) I believe in (spit.) I don't feel prepared to (spit.) and the clergy, and vehemently into his employ, and see what he can make of the nobility and the clergy, and vehemently you."

"Will he give wages enough to buy mother and sister bread?" anxiously inquired the lad.

"We want he can make of the nobility and the clergy, and vehemently urging that the royal power could not be limited by the prescripts of the constitutional charter.

"We will be give wages enough to buy mother and sister bread?" anxiously inquired the lad. plause from all.) I believe in (spit) temperance, but I don't pretend to be a talking man. My heart is all right, (spit several times,) but I ain't no talking man, so I'll quit." (Spit, and

risen thrice with that view, but had been each awarded him. So he said again :

into a little laugh, and immediately smothered

excuse my occupying your time this evening; but I should like to contribute my mite with about temperance. We might sit here, and talk and tell each other stories, and so on, all night, and have a good time; but the question

"Now, what I move is, that we get up a society. Form a temperance society, and have a meeting regularly once a week, or a fortnight. I should attend regularly, and I think most of the students would;—and—and—"

What rock Jason's smoothly-gliding speech here struck upon-whether he found himself upon the very verge of expressing an intention to bring Salanda and Miss Blossom and cousin with the same regularity, and could not connect edly draw back, cannot be ascertained. At all events, he here brought his address to an abrupt termination, with a-"that's all I have to say, sir," and took his seat; somewhat uncertain to be issued in June, from the pen of a new whether he had been silly, or had made the best writer. What the plot is, or the aim of the speech of the evening; and he scarcely knew author, we cannot tell; but from the specimens whether the applause which followed his effort we have seen, we infer that he is a pretty keen or was called forth by the dilemma which hastwas intended in commendation of the speech,

> quested," he said, "to take some part in the meeting, and he had come for that purpose. He thought it was a good cause, if prudently zeal of his young friend from the city, but thought nothing ought to be done in haste. supposed there were a good many people who drank too much, and he wished they would reform. People would be a great deal better off they were only willing to spend less money in drink. He was glad that people were giving more attention to temperance. Some people thought total abstinence was the only remedy for intemperance. There was a good deal of difference between temperance and total abstinence. There was no need of drinking so much. He was not prepared to say that all drinking of fermented liquors in every form ought to be given up. There was certainly a difference be-tween temperance and total abstinence. Temperance was certainly a virtue, the Bible comnanded it. But it was hard to say that total abstinence was a duty. St. Paul himself said that we should 'take a little wine for our stom-

Here the Deacon made a pause; he was not stomach's ache, and your little infirmities."
But not feeling quite clear upon this point, he

"He thought that the only means was moral suasion; every man should endeavor to persuade say, Deacon, who did you ever persuade, ch?"
"I have the floor, I believe," said the Dea-

"Ha! ha! ha! who now? Tell us." "Please address the Chair," interposed the Moderator, tapping that article of furniture

upon the arm.
"I tell you," cried the wild voice, wilder tones, with no laughter now, but with terrible earnestness, "I tell you, the man that talks about moral sussion to sots and drunk-

"Is a fool," the voice repeats. The speaker rose. He stood somewhat unsteadily, leaning now back against the wall, and now reaching forward in the emphasis of his utterance, and leaning half over the desk before him. His dress was very poor, his hair round to see him, recognised the red-nosed man he had often met enjoying the hospitality of Gregory Donoe's store. The Deacon said noth-ing, but he turned upon the assembly a mild but impartial look, that seemed to sum up concisely the law upon disturbances of religious meetings, and to express the opinion that a fellow who would put out a Deacon, ought to be

summarily put out himself.
"Moral suasion to drunkards! it's no use and it's worse than no use. I know it. I tell you I am one of 'em. I am, by the ---

try your moral suasion—and I ain't the only chance, God knows. Yes, and you have tried it, too. You know I used to want to knock off. You haven't failed to say kind words, and try your suasion. You all try it. By —, the said: "Mother, you had rather go hungry to-very man that sells me rum, says, when he pours night, I am sure; I would rather, too, than keep me out a glass, 'Come, come, Jerry; you'd bet-ter not drink any more.'" His profanity was terrible, but the equally

terrible earnestness of his speech suffered not even the Deacon to reprove it. "You think a drunkard needs persuading. Taere's not a drunkard in the State-that's of three, every day of his life, that he could hand and a large bundle of newspapers in the krock off. They've got moral sussion. What other. He whistled as he went; for although they want is help! help! Good God! HELP! pinched with cold and hunger, he felt happy,

He took, from time to time, a more decided stand against all innovations upon all the old-established liberties of men, and raised his warning voice, upon occasion, against that fanatical excitement which, before many years had passed away, began to agitate society in Cone Cut

His enemies-the best of men have enemiescalled him a "rummy," and attributed his defeat, in the usual church election for deacon, two years later, by a two-thirds majority, to his being pledged to the liquor interest—though, as all the world knows, this disappointment was the work of a fanatical clique, who, though un-supported by the real wishes of the majority, succeeded, by unscrupulous manœuvring, in obtaining a temporary supremacy.

AN ELEPHANT'S FRATERNAL FEELING AND AFFECTION.

While a wagon drawn by several elephants

of Johnstown, Herkimer county. When the cavalcade left fown, it passed over a bridge which the road crossed, leaving two elephants to bring up the rear. These were driven to the prietor of the cornfield refused to allow his property to be so used, except on the payment an exorbitant sum, and this the agent of the menagerie refused to submit to. Accordingly the elephants were again driven to the bridge and again they refused to attempt the crossing. They would try the structure with their great feet, feel cautiously along the plank with their proboscal fingers, but each time would recoil

At last, however, goaded by the sharp iron instrument of the keeper, and accustomed to lute duty, incumbent upon them as subjects. vengeance. The press ceased to be nee, and instrument of the keeper, and accustomed to lute duty, incumbent upon them as subjects. obedience, they rushed on with a scream half of The word liberty, which had been the rallying were interdicted to the friends of the consti ng to the bottom of the gorge, carrying with it and all those that would not admit the justice ooth the monstrous beasts. upon its tusk and shoulder, breaking the former nand and his counsellors as rebels, worthy of and very badly injuring the latter; the other the severest punishment. was, strangely enough, unhurt. Now was shown the most singular and remarkable conduct on the part of the brute which had escaped. Its showed that he was determined to reign, not as vided for its comfort, while no temptation, no stratagem, was sufficient to induce the other to eave, and proceed with the main portion of the caravan, which finally went on, leaving the wounded beast and its companion under the

But it would not stir. He coaxed, wheedled and scolded, but all to no purpose. At last, enraged, he seized a pitchfork, and was about evidence of rage in its manner, it stood over its defenceless and wounded friend, as if daring the keeper to approach, which the man was not so green as to do again with cruel purpose.

Thus the injured animal lay there until it died. When satisfied that it could no longer be of service, the other quietly followed the keeper away from the spot, and showed no desire to return. If this was not reasoning, mingled with an affection some men might pattern after, we should like to know what to

"What are you going to do with it? What are you going to do with it?" exclaimed half-a-dozen ragged urchins to a bright-eyed, thin-

"Wouldn't catch us returning a purse that looked as though it had lots of money in it, as that does. Let's see how much there is," spoke the eldest of the group, and made an attempt to wrest it from the boy's hand.

"It shan't be opened. It is none of your

manding tone.

The boys knew that Johnny would do as he said; hence they not only ceased tormenting him, but stole away as if the police were already

upon their tracks.

When alone, Johnny began to consider what saw, by which the owner could be identified by sister must go without bread that night; for they had nothing to eat save that which the daily sale of the newspapers brought. What should he do? He paused awhile, and then said: "Mother, you had rather go hungry tothe purse until to-morrow morning. Let's see!"
he put his hand into his pocket, and, after fumbling a short time, drew forth three cents. "I've got money enough to buy a loaf of bread for little sister's supper and breaklast, and I will go without; so I will go at once and carry the purse where the owner can obtain it." Thus saying, he trudged off, with the purse in one hand and a large bundle of newspapers in the other. He whistled as he went; for although

if anybody needs it, it's your ministers who darsen't preach rum down, and your deacons who quote Scripture like a devil's concordance."

The discussion which followed these remarks

what he'll do for you." Thus saying, he led forgotten, that his powerful protectors, in a note, signed by Russia, Austria, Prussia, and bearing the date of the 20th of November, 1815, advised him to follow the

friend, who not only promised to take the ment to the constitutional laws, and his firm honest boy into his employ, but that his mother will to be the father of his subjects, without and sister should be made comfortable and distinction of class or religion." never after had occasion to regret the latter's

For the National Era. Sketch of the Political History of Europe. THE CAPITULATION OF PARIS, IN 1814, THE PRESENT TIME.

BY A FRIEND OF LIBERTY. CHAPTER III. Among all the Huropean rulers of the present century, none appears to have been more tion, than Ferdinand VII, of Spain. As soon

cause, and in that of monks and aristocrats. It was, however, very natural, that those who were unacquainted with the principles and instored to the throne, would surround himself ering their privileges and their lost wealth. with men from among the champions of his cause, and of the independence of Spain. But

plore their expectations, as illusions that were not to be realized. Selfish, ungenerous, bigoted, and hypocrititives, or those of the priests and monks that ruled over his cowardly heart, to the just claims of the patriotic men who had vindicated the free- of their services to the republic Napoleon in no other light than as an absoas signifying the absolute power of the king; One of them struck of this interpretation, were deemed by Ferdi-

Immediately on his return from France, he arade lay there, an extempore bed being pro- a constitutional king, whose right to the throne a master over slaves depending altogether upon his pleasure, and whose attempts at limiting his pleasure, and whose attempts at the his power would be considered as treason, which their former sacrifices in his behalf would not of Talleyrand, Fouche, and their colleagues—of Talleyrand, Fouche, and their treachers of the nobles, and especially the monks, had excited the nation to resistance against Joseph ministry was headed by the Duke de Richelieu excited the nation to resistance against Joseph Napoleon, not because he had mounted the (who was probably unjustly viewed as acting throne in violation of the right of the Spanish under the influence of Russia,) but with whom

refused to go to Madrid to take the oath of fidelity to the Constitution of 1812, and took up, in March, 1844, his residence in Valencia, while collecting an army of 40,000 men. Over this body of fanatics, robbers, and murderers—because such were the greatest portion of them—he made General Elliot commander inchief, who afterwards acquired so deplorable a collection of the Chamber of Deputies, which had been controlled by the influence of the reaccionists. celebrity, on account of his sanguinary persecutions against the *Liberals*. Aided by this force, and by the machinations of the clergy, the youthful tyrant won a complete victory over thousand of these—the noblest sons of unhappy of policy. Besides, he was much influenced by Spain—headed by the heroic Mina, were able Decazes, who sternly opposed the fury of the

countries.

The tories, who then ruled the destinies of the protection of those brave Spaniards who had contributed so greatly to the ultimate defeat of that formidable warrior, but looked on with evident indifference, while they were butchered or exiled, at the command of an insolent and cruel despot, and by the instigation of villanous monks.

But, no wonder; we know now, that the allied monarchs, and the mass of the British tories, notwithstanding their high-sounding declarations of hatred to despotism, did not, in reality, entertain a particle of true love for lib-While struggling against the ascendency of Napoleon, they were no doubt wishing for freedom for themselves; but, in spite of all their hypocritical protestations, it was never their incere resolution to make this blessing the common property of the European nations.

The arbiters of the destinies of Europe did not, therefore, interfere in the blamable meas-ures of the king of Spain. He proceeded, consequently, boldly in his course, which had contemptible state, from which their mistaken but heroic efforts against Joseph Napoleon and the armies of France had for a while aroused

rilla-as the notorious combination of his nearest attendants was styled. They—as is often the case with courtiers—gloried arrogantly of their triumph, not the least suspecting that liberty would soon grow powerful enough to drive them from their stronghold. Meanwhile, France, though she had lost her Meanwhile, France, though she had lost her political ascendency, and was humbled by the presence of 150,000 foreign warriors, under the command of the Duke of Wellington, "remained, nevertheless," as Relteck justly re-marks, "considered in the point of view of constitutional interest, the first and most important State of the world. Friends and enemies of liberal ideas looked upon her as a it to be observed that Austria and Prussia model State, and received, from what transpired "remained closed to the idea of a genuine repenemies of liberal lucas model State, and received, from what transpired within her bosom, hopes and apprehensions, instruction and warning!" Yes; France was then, as it is still, the heart of Europe, and its every pulsation was felt, and is felt, throughout the whole of Germany by the liberal institutions introduced in several of its parts, alarmed and exasperated the privileged classes and the adherents of historical rights.

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happy. Tears of joy filled the little fellow's eyes as he hastened to inform his mother of his our approbation, though at the same time they good fortune. His mother was overjoyed at the pleasing tidings of her son, and she and Johnny compare them with the indifference evinced by the same Powers, from which they emanated conduct respecting the lost purse .- New York | with regard to the unjust and cruel conduct of the king of Spain. But our astonishment will disappear on a more mature reflection. From the Spaniards the allied monarchs had nothing to fear for their own tranquillity; but from the French, who had more than once brought them to the edge of ruin, much danger was to be apprehended, should that nation be madde ed into a new revolution. Hence it was the fear of rousing again the sleeping lion, that dictated the liberal and excellent counsels adinistered to the king of France, and which

bined Europe. as he returned from his captivity in France, he disposed to follow the prudent counsels of those to whom he owed his crown, the reactionary they had acted, in sacrificing their blood in his party-the old nobility and the "light-fearing priests," who, during the so eventful preceding years had "learned and forgotten nothing' closed their ears to the warnings of the confed erated princes, as they had done to "the le gratitude of royalty, should have flattered them- sons of ages," and seemed to think of nothing selves with the hope that Ferdinand, when re- but of satisfying their vengeance, and of recov

strong by the excited passions or purchased assistance of an ignorant, fanatical, and venal those who had entertained these just hopes multitude, and strong, finally, by the aid of a were soon made, by Ferdinand himself, to de- great number of apostates of the revolution, the reactionists "beset the king, who, notwithstanding his love of justice and prudence, was not firm enough against the zeal and importu-Selfish, ungenerous, bigoted, and hypocriti-cal, as Ferdinand VII was, he felt no inclina-and of his pretended friends." The royal word tion to sacrifice a jot of his pretended preroga- of pardon was broken; arbitrary proscriptions and executions took place, in virtue of laws of exception : many of the noblest men of France. only on account of their liberal principles, or dom of Spain. He viewed their terrible and pire, were treated as criminals; and prevotal ever-memorable struggle against the forces of courts, as formerly the revolutionary tribunals, pronounced, in judiciary forms, the decision of vengeance. The press ceased to be free, and

> vanquished party, that, however, enjoyed the sympathy of the great majority of the na-tion. "Religious fanaticism associated its hor-rors with those of political, and in the south and west of unfortunate France, murders and

bloody persecutions against the Huguenots."

therefore, with Ferdinand, in order to quench the sparks of liberty which the war of independence had kindled in Spain. He himself for the most rigorous punishments of the librefused to go to Madrid to take the oath of cruls, when these had taken up arms in self-

of France by the foreign troops took place, as

a result of the conference of the Congress sistance of the ultras, continued to exercise a salutary influence upon the public affairs of France, until the assassination of the Duke of Berry, by an abandoned fauatic. But then the

adoption of the so-called laws of exception. the press, and against personal freedom-agains and inspection of books; and against the latter But these arbitrary and severe measures, it

stead of strengthening the cause of the privi-leged classes, had the effect to weaken it in the ourse of some years. The French nation can-

But some of the German princes of the sec ond and third rank had, meanwhile, hastened

temptuously, and made an inquiry, in Spanish, of the servant, who giggled, and finally told her something—I know not what—which started her up to her full height. Her eyes flashed

vants, and never seen again in the house. I ed went to my heart, somehow, as the other was to be kindly treated, so I heard; but never promises never had done.

no use; and many's the mark and scar on head, arms, and back, that I shall carry to my has been a slave, be she ever so rightly free?

money, like me, had I a claim to be treated differently from them?

"She took me to Florida, and taught me, and cared for me, as if I had been a free child. Indeed, she could hardly have done more for an own daughter-dear Mrs. Withers! She suffered so much, that she seldom left her room: and was born, under the shade of palms | we hardly ever had visiters, being quite out of where the brazil where brazil where brazil where brazil where brazil where brazil where brazil was a formular brazil with the letter was now after I went to her. But the letter was now after I went to her. But the letter was now after I went to her. But the letter was now after I went to her. But the letter was now after I went to her. But the letter was now after I went to her. But the letter was now after I went to her. But the letter was now after I went to her. But the letter was now and family. Wy father was a Frenchman—'tis the only nt word—of Hamilton, upon the step he had heard did not try again; I think she had a horror of that his father was going to take.

""If you can forget her of whom neither you worthy,' he wrote; 'if you demeanor against the Govern- thought, as long as she could make me so hap-

> tieth birthday-they took her suddenly away from me, without a word of warning!
> "She could not have rested in her marble tomb, dear lady! if she had known what was to befall the dove she left in the talons of the vulture. When they buried her, I tried to throw

long, dreadful months "——
Oriana stopped, pressed her hands over her eyes, and shuddered from head to foot, before proceeding.
"I had read of the 'furnace of fire seven times heated '—and of the 'Shining One,' that heard of Hamilton's illness, and felt as though walked with the three children there! and if

Kitty, with eyes flashing fire.
"It seems a lifetime—the three years that "It seems a lifetime—the three years that have passed since then," she went on, slowly, without directly noticing Kitty's outburst. "I am young in years, but I have white hairs in my head; I have had them ever since that day I stood on the auction-block in the city sale-room, and a heavy fall. I ran to ed it, and found my mother lying with blood upon her white lips."

"It seems a lifetime—the three years that have passed since then," she went on, slowly, without directly noticing Kitty's outburst. "I am young in years, but I have white hairs in my head; I have had them ever since that day I ever bear to own a slave, having been one myself! Who is enslaved with a better right and title than I was! No; Mr. Grey and I have taken a vow to each other and to Heaven; and the harrowing our slaves—his slaves. I jargon of the auctioneer, and the harrowing and we are preparing our slaves—his slaves, I toss of his hammer, until an elderly gentleman, mean—for the freedom he means to give them,

> down on my knees at that good man's feet, and begged him, for the love of God and his creatures, to save me.
> "He wept—the strong-hearted man!

"Only that she died years ago," replie "Then I must interrupt my own story a little.

WASHINGTON, D. C. leisure to be thirsty. At the sight of me, she half rose, and looked at me from head to foot.

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SCHOOLBOY MUSINGS:

"The lady arched her tinted eyebrows contemptuously, and made an inquiry, in Spanish, of the sevent who gigeled and finally told soon after he had sent his boys abroad.) I had sent his boys abroad. I had sent his boys abroad.

in my hand.
"'Put down that bowl, Oriana,' he said, very seriously, and turn towards me. 'I want to talk

'Who will protect me, who will love one that

Kity pressed the hand she held, and Oriana gratefully lifted her glistening eyes.

"As to the promise Mr. Grey had made me, I must tell you very briefly that it was fulfilled,

"God has indeed led you in a strange way!" "I! No, dear lady!" she exclaimed, start-

as soon as possible!"
"Oriana, you must rest now!" fell upon their ears, in the mellow tone of Mr. Grey, who

days-more like a woman than a girl-dear little Kitty!"

"Mr. Moderator," said Jason, a short time afterward, rising in great haste, and hitting his knee under the desk.

"Mr. Chesslebury," said Mr. Moderator, bowing benignantly to Jason.

Jason had been so much encouraged by the success which attended Colonel Willick's effort, that he immediately determined upon essaying a speech himself. He had, indeed, already time forestalled in his purpose of obtaining the floor, by other speakers, which was the occasion of his present haste. He now found him-self somewhat disconcerted by the very readiness with which the opportunity to speak was

"Mr. Moderator." Having thus made a fair beginning, he turnelf partly towards Salanda's seat, burst his face into a preternatural solemnity.

"I hope, sir," he proceeded, when these preliminaries had been adjusted, "that you will

the rest. I don't intend to say but little. I'm not any more of an orator than Colonel Willick, nor so much; but I suppose, ladies and gentle men, that we don't come here to make orations, but only speeches. So I should like to say that what seems to me is, that we ought to do something about temperance, as well as talk about it. It's just as if a man should see his house on fire, and go on saying what a dreadful thing it was to have one's house on fire, and how he must begin to put it out, and shouldn't begin to bring any water, or anything. Speeches are very good things, sir, particularly when they're short. But what we want is, to do something

is, what good would it do?

ach's sake, and our often infirmities." quite certain whether he had quoted the text be supported by some modern commentators, that it should read, "take often wine for your

his neighbor to be temperate—moderate—"
"Ha! ha!" laughed a wild voice.

ards, is a fool." The whole room buzzes with astonishment.

lam. And I know." The whole room is startled into perfect since. In the pause, the very fire seems to hold its breath.

"I've been a drunkard these ten years. You know it. You've seen me loafing about your streets ten years, and you've had a chance to to it then; and if he did, his mother and little

But you go on selling liquor, and talking about moral sussion. Moral sussion! Good God! than that. Come," he added, "we'll soon see to side with the liberal party; and let it not be

som upon the temperance question, and thereafter he became gradually more and more known as conservative.

Corners.

We omit some of the profanities of the drunkard-they are better left blank than written out

was passing our office yesterday, the following story was told, which we vouch for as true: Last season, a menagerie visited the village

but, with the known sagacity of the race, they refused to cross. The water of the creek, which flows through a gorge in the slate formation, presenting at that point banks of precipitous character, and thirty feet in height, was low, and by taking a course across a cornfield a ford could be reached. But the pro-

om making the dangerous experiment.

charge of their keeper.

Day after day the suffering creature lay then rapidly failing, and unable to move. At the end three weeks, the water in the creek commenced rising, and there was danger it would overflow and drown the disabled elephant. The keeper desired, therefore, to get it up and make it walk as far as a barn near by, where it would out of danger, and could be better cared for. plunging it into the poor thing's flesh, when the companion wrenched the fork from his hand, roke it in fragments, and flung the pieces from it; then, with eyes glaring, and every

clad news-boy who was holding a splendid purse in one of his purple, cold hands, that he had taken but a few moments previous from the sidewalk. "Return it to the owner," answered the little honest fellow, in a firm tone.
"A fool! a fool!" shouted the

business what it contains; it is none of ours; and if you don't loose your grasp upon it, I will call the police," returned honest, Johnny, in a com-

THE TEMPERANCE MEETING.

There was a few moments' delay before speakers could be induced to come forward. But at length, in response to a call from the chair, Colonel Willick, the same gentleman whose vinegar was at an early stage of this his.

they want is help! help! Good God! HELP! pinched with cold and hunger, he felt happy, because he was doing good.

You've seen me—you see me every day sitting round—loafing. You thought I've been deid as a heap of ashes. Inside, I've been deid as a heap of ashes. Inside, I've been had acted. She praised him for so doing, and said he must do right, if he perished in the

can be well reported.

But whatever may have been the result of this meeting in other respects, it at least wrought a marked change in the position of Deacon Ficksom upon the temperature which is the control of the purpose to the door. He was informed by his friend that the lad before him was the one to whom he was indebted for the recovery of his lost property. Johnny was met with a warm and hearty welcome from his new of the transmillier of his lost property.

indeed were well calculated to prevent a new attempt at overthrowing the throne of the ent century, none appears to have been more Bourbons, and confirm the order of things despicable, or more deserving of our condemna- which had been established in France by com-

devastations were practiced, almost without op-position, on the part of the Government against Protestants, as well as against republicans, scarcely equalled in barbarity by the most

people to choose their own ruler, but because he had abolished the prerogatives and privileges of the clergy and nobility, and made the attempt at raising the lower or poorer classes of the nation to a more elevated social position.

He in the innered of raisins, but with whom was associated Decazes, a very prudent and moderate politician.

Richelieu, though notorious on account of his aristocratical predilections, was nevertheless deemed by the reactionists to be too lengths. was associated Decazes, a very prudent and

the friends of the constitution. Scarcely six aged to return, for some time, to a liberal course to save their lives by seeking refuge in foreign reactionists, or, as they were styled, the ultras. Hence, the Government began to gain the con fidence of the nation, and public tranquillity England, and the allied princes, who had exhorted the European nations—and among these, the Spanish—to rise in defence of liberty against Napoleon, took not a single step for was reduced one-fifth, in the beginning of 1817; and in the following year, the total evacuation

> ultras or reactionists compelled Decazes to resign, by their false assertion that this crime regained the ascendency.
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> From that time, notwithstanding the most manly resistance of the most eloquent orators and the most sincere patriots-the constitution

> violent means alone.
>
> In Germany, neither the arrangements of the Congress of Vienna, nor those of the Diet of the German Confederation, had met with the

the standard of the standard o

How borns my soul for freedom, and my heart to find a

to be trusted out of sight.

"I had no desire to go to the house again, after my fright; only I did use to wish that

py, she had a right to keep me, as I had no near relatives. But she drooped, year by year, and the angels drew her nearer and yet nearer their home; and one night-it was that of my twen-

to do with this foolish business.' "This man was now my master!

"You! publicly sold at that age!" exclaimed

friends and her friends in lars."

"Mr. Grey!" repeated both, in a breath Grey, for the sum of twenty-five hundred dol-

and told me to go back to the quarters, be a he said; 'rather, I have told you you are free.

the time I was seven years old, I was a slave—
swered, and then stopped, for my heart was in name. And who is a slave in right?

swered, and I could not say what I wanted to.

to my feet, and held my two hands in his, look ing with all his soul into my face. "I cannot, must not tell you all he said that